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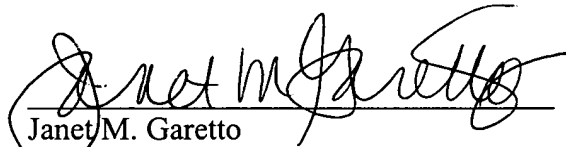
REMARKS

By this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, claim 1 has been canceled. Therefore, claims 64-101 remain pending in the present application. In view of the prior art of record in parent applications U.S. Serial No. 09/660,649, filed on September 13, 2000 and U.S. Serial No. 09/421,031 filed on October 20, 1999 now U.S. Patent No. 6,536,176 B1, the present application should be in a condition for allowance.

It is believed that no fee is presently due; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from or credit any overpayment to Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C. Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Order No. 47099-00153USC1. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed for this purpose.

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